

COYOTE BULLETIN

Otondo Elementary school

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The month of
April



IMPORTANT DATES



- April 2: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- April 4: Librarian Appreciation Day
- April 4-6: Lost & Found Available for pickup after school
- April 4-April 26: AASA testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade
- April 5: PTO Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- April 6: Kindergarten Launch 5:00PM-7:00PM
- April 7: Wheezy's Takeover
- April 11: Otondo Spirit Shirt Design Due
- April 14: Spring Pictures
- April 15: No School (Good Friday)
- April 22: Purple Up Day-Wear purple for the Month of the Military Child
- April 27: Administrative Professionals Appreciation Day

AASA TESTING

During the month of April our students will complete their AASA tests. AASA is a state test that students in grades third through fifth must complete. Here are some friendly reminders about AZM2 testing.

- Students must be on time every testing day.
- Please do not schedule any appointments on testing days, once students begin the test they must complete it.
- Make sure your student(s) go to bed early and eat breakfast. (Breakfast is available to all students for free at school.)
- All students must have earbuds or headphones during testing, please reach out to your students teacher if you are unable to provide a pair for your student.

Below are the testing dates by grade level, it is important that all students attend school on their testing day.

TESTING DATES

- **3rd Grade**
 - April 5th-3rd Grade Writing
 - April 7th-3rd Grade Math (test 1) & Reading (test 1)
 - April 13-3rd Grade Math (test 2) & Reading (test 2)
- **4th Grade**
 - April 12- 4th Grade Writing
 - April 14-4th Grade Math (test 1) & Reading (test 2)
 - April 20-4th Grade Math (test 2) & Reading (test 2)
- **5th Grade**
 - April 6th-5th Grade Writing
 - April 21-5th Grade Math (test 1) & Reading (test 1)
 - April 26- 5th Grade Math (test 2) & Reading (test 2)

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OTONDO PTO

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation is upon us! If you have the means to participate in a bigger way to our entire staff, please reach out to PTO by email MaryOtondoPTO@gmail.com
- PTO will continue selling Chocolate at release time as often as we have volunteers available during the month and until sold out. Be on the look out for PTO with the Candy Cart after school.
- Accepting Class Pop Corn Party orders for April 15, 22, and 29. Email PTO if interested in ordering MaryOtondoPTO@gmail.com
- April 4 - April 6: Lost and Found items available for Parent Pick up after school. Look for PTO with display tables. All unclaimed items will be donated.
- April 4: Read-A-Thon winners announced
- April 5 - April 11 Otondo Spirit Shirt Design Contest entries accepted
- April 5: PTO meeting 5:30pm Google meet code to be posted day of meeting
- April 7: Read-A-Thon 2nd -4th place class winners celebrated. Top 5 Students for Minutes read and Top 5 Student for donations earned celebrated.
- April 7: 4pm-7pm PTO hosting raffle during Kindergarten Wheezy's takeover to benefit Kinder End Of Year Activities and Celebrations
- April 8: Read-A-Thon First Place Class for Minutes Read and Donations Earned Celebrated
- April 13-15: Tee-shirt contest Voting
- April 16: 2022/2023 Otondo School Spirit Tee-Shirt Design Contest Winner Announced.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported. Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all are thought to combine together as a single color, purple.

Otondo is excited to celebrate the Month of the Military Child on April 22nd as we Purple Up. To celebrate on April 22nd, please wear purple!



OTONDO TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Cisneros and Ms. Rodriguez are Otondo Elementary School's Teachers of the Year and nominees for Yuma County Teacher of the Year.

This month both Mrs. Cisneros and Ms. Rodriguez will be celebrated at the Teacher of the Year banquet! Congratulations!



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KINDERGARTEN LAUNCH

April 6, 2022
5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
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If your child will be 5 by
 August 31, 2022 it's time to

LAUNCH them into kindergarten at Otondo!

- Meet the kindergarten Teachers
 - Tour the kindergarten area
 - Get a supply list
 - Register your student
 - Enter into a free raffle
- (1 extra ticket for those that register or have already registered)

To register please bring:

- Shot record
- proof of address
- Original birth certificate

**FREE BACKPACKS WITH SUPPLIES FOR
 THE FIRST 20 INCOMING**

Mary A. Otondo Elementary School
JOIN US TODAY!
 Now accepting registration!

2022-2023 Academic Year
 Kindergarten to Grade 5
 Enroll Today!

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NATIONAL BANNER UNIFIED CHAMPION

Below are photos from our National
 Banner Unified Champion celebration!

Congratulations Otondo!



Wheezy's
 RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

OTONDO KINDERGARTEN GRADE TAKE OVER

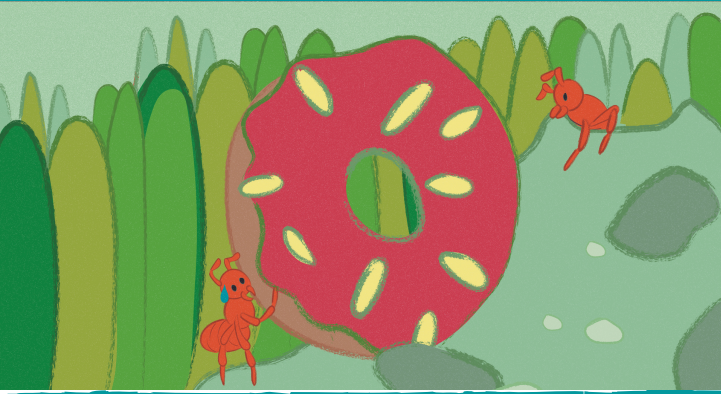
Thursday April 7th 4-7 PM

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR KINDER STUDENTS AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS
 MEAL FROM A LOCAL BUSINESS!

NO NEED TO BRING THE FLYER BECAUSE 10% OF THE NIGHTS PROCEEDS
 WILL GO DIRECTLY TO KINDERGARTEN!

****TAKE OUT ORDERS ARE INCLUDED****

PURPOSEFULL PEOPLE



Perserverance

This month we're talking about the trait of Perseverance. The dictionary defines it as: "Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success." The definition we are using in class is:

Perseverance: the ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way.

A lot of research today is telling us that the highest indicators of success in our kids isn't just about their grades or their IQ. The number one skill that helps people of all walks of life be successful is GRIT! The ability to persevere in the face of adversity or even failure. Over the course of the month, we will talk about inspiring people who faced many failures before they found success. We will talk about what it means to navigate tough stuff, even when it feels overwhelming or really hard. We will talk about having a Growth Mindset - to see challenges and failure as an opportunity to grow instead of a brick wall.

Conversation Starter for Home

- What do you know about rabbits? What do you know about turtles? Which one should win if they were to have a race? Have you heard the story about the Tortoise and the Hare? The hare proudly bragged about his speed and knew that he'd win, so he rested a lot and let himself get sidetracked and distracted. The turtle took a slow and steady approach to the race, plodding along at a pace that was right for him to make sure he had stamina and endurance. In the end, it's the turtle who wins by a hair. What is this story trying to tell us?



Coyote Challenge

Putting together a jigsaw puzzle can be a terrific way to sharpen your ability to persevere. Put a 300-piece jigsaw puzzle on the table and invite family members to meet and connect the pieces. How long will it take? Set a timer as a goal-setting tool if you find yourself getting frustrated and tempted to leave the table too quickly. When you finish, try a 500-piece puzzle.

If you don't have a puzzle at home or nearby, work with your child to draw one, cut it up, mix up the pieces, and recreate it together.